

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device having a database of records of different category types, a method of displaying information, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a) receiving an indication from a user that selects a first category type of said different category types;

b) indexing a sort table with said first category type to obtain a primary ~~first~~ sort field for said first category type, said sort table associating each category type of said different categories with its own primary sort field, wherein a primary sort field for each category type is under user control and wherein said first category type has a primary sort field different from that of another category type;

c) sorting records of said first category type into an order that is determined according to said primary ~~first~~ sort field to produce a first sorted list;

d) displaying on a display screen of said electronic device at least a portion of said first sorted list, said first sorted list displayed ~~records~~ in said order determined according to said primary sort field for said first category type ~~on a display screen of said electronic device~~, wherein said portion displayed is formatted automatically with information from said primary sort field for said first category type on the left-hand side of said display screen as viewed by said user, wherein by selecting said primary sort field said user controls said order in which said records are displayed;

e) displaying a group of ~~second list comprising~~ sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said group of sort instructions ~~second list~~

comprises a plurality of sort fields ~~field for each of said different categories including said first sort field~~ for said first category type;

f) receiving an indication from said user that selects a selected one of said first sort fields from said plurality of sort fields ~~field~~;

g) in response to step f), displaying a pop-down ~~third~~ list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said selected one of said sort fields ~~first sort field~~, wherein said user can replace said selected one of said sort fields with a sort field selected from said pop-down ~~third~~ list.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 1 and further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving another indication from said user that selects a second category type of said different category types;

indexing said sort table with said second category type to obtain a primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type;

sorting records of said second category type into an order that is determined by said primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type ~~obtained~~ to produce a second sorted ~~fourth~~ list; and

displaying on said display screen at least ~~in list order~~ a portion of said second sorted ~~fourth~~ list, said second sorted list displayed in said order determined according to said primary sort field for said second category type .

3. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a palm-sized computer system.

4. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said electronic device is a wireless telephone.

5. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said database is a database of contact information comprising records each having fields defining a name, an address and a telephone number.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said step a) comprises the step of said user depressing a designated button on said electronic device.

8. (Currently Amended) In a hand-held personal digital assistant having an address database of contact records of different category types, a method of displaying information, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a) receiving an indication from a user that selects a first category type of said different category types;

b) indexing a sort table with said first category type to obtain a primary ~~first~~ sort field for said first category type, said sort table associating each category type of said different categories with its own primary sort field, wherein a primary sort field for each category type is under user control and wherein said first category type has a primary sort field different from that of another category type;

c) sorting contact records of said first category type into an order that is determined according to said primary first sort field to produce a first sorted list;

d) displaying on a display screen of said hand-held personal digital assistant at least a portion of said first sorted list, said first sorted list displayed ~~contact records~~ in said order determined according to said primary sort field for said first category type ~~on a display screen of said electronic device~~, wherein said portion displayed is formatted automatically with information from said primary sort field for said first category type on the left-hand side of said display screen as viewed by said user, wherein by selecting said primary sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed;

e) displaying a group of ~~second list comprising~~ sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said group of sort instructions ~~second list~~ comprises a plurality of sort fields ~~field for each of said different categories including said first sort field~~ for said first category type;

f) receiving an indication from said user that selects a selected one of said ~~first~~ sort fields from said plurality of sort fields ~~field~~;

g) in response to step f), displaying a pop-down ~~third~~ list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said selected one of said sort fields ~~first sort field~~, wherein said user can replace said selected one of said sort fields with a sort field selected from said pop-down ~~third~~ list.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 8 and further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving another indication from said user that selects a second category type of said different category types;

indexing said sort table with said second category type to obtain a primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type;

sorting contact records of said second category type into an order that is determined by said primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type ~~obtained~~ to produce a second sorted ~~fourth~~ list; and

displaying on said display screen at least in list order a portion of said second sorted ~~fourth~~ list, said second sorted list displayed in said order determined according to said primary sort field for said second category type .

10. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said hand-held personal digital assistant is a palm-sized computer system.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said hand-held personal digital assistant is a wireless telephone.

12. (Original) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said address database comprises contact records each having fields defining a name, an address and a telephone number.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said step a) comprises the step of said user depressing a designated button on said hand-held personal digital assistant.

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising a processor coupled to a bus, a display coupled to said bus and a memory coupled to said bus, said memory having a database of records of different category types and instructions implementing a method of displaying information, said method comprising the steps of:

a) receiving an indication from a user that selects a first category type of said different category types;

b) indexing a sort table with said first category type to obtain a primary ~~first~~ sort field for said first category type, said sort table associating each category type of said different categories with its own primary sort field, wherein a primary sort field for each category type is under user control and wherein said first category type has a primary sort field different from that of another category type;

c) sorting contact records of said first category type into an order that is determined according to said primary ~~first~~ sort field to produce a first sorted list;

d) displaying on a display screen of said hand-held personal digital assistant at least a portion of said first sorted list, said first sorted list displayed ~~contact records~~ in said order determined according to said primary sort field for said first category type ~~on a display screen of said electronic device~~, wherein said portion displayed is formatted automatically

with information from said primary sort field for said first category type on the left-hand side of said display screen as viewed by said user, wherein by selecting said primary sort field said user controls said order in which said contact records are displayed;

e) displaying a group of ~~second list comprising~~ sort instructions stored in said sort table, wherein said group of sort instructions ~~second list~~ comprises a plurality of sort fields ~~field for each of said different categories~~ including said ~~first sort field~~ for said first category type;

f) receiving an indication from said user that selects a selected one of said first sort fields from said plurality of sort fields field;

g) in response to step f), displaying a pop-down ~~third~~ list comprising sort fields that can be used instead of said selected one of said sort fields ~~first sort field~~, wherein said user can replace said selected one of said sort fields with a sort field selected from said pop-down ~~third~~ list.

16. (Currently Amended) An electronic device as described in Claim 15 wherein said method further comprises ~~the steps of~~:

receiving another indication from said user that selects a second category type of said different category types;

indexing said sort table with said second category type to obtain a primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type;

sorting contact records of said second category type into an order that is determined by said primary ~~second~~ sort field for said second category type obtained to produce a second sorted ~~fourth~~ list; and

displaying on said display screen at least in ~~list order~~ a portion of said second sorted ~~fourth~~ list, said second sorted list displayed in said order

determined according to said primary sort field for said second category type .

17. (Previously Presented) An electronic device as described in Claim 15 wherein said electronic device is a palm-sized computer system.

18. (Previously Presented) An electronic device as described in Claim 15 wherein said electronic device is a wireless telephone.

19. (Previously Presented) An electronic device as described in Claim 15 wherein said database is a database of contact information comprising records each having fields defining a name, an address and a telephone number.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) An electronic device as described in Claim 15 wherein said step a) of said method comprises the step of said user depressing a designated button on said electronic device.